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Protest, divestment plan counter apartheid



GW students for apartheid-free South Africa in protest march at South African embassy.

SLS details renters' rights

This column is the first in a series provided by the Washington Student Legal Services (SLS), Inc. Columns will appear from time to time over the next few months. The purpose of these columns is to educate students about the various aspects of the law that concern them. This first column opens a series dealing with renting an apartment in the District and what rights the renter has. This column deals with the laws that protect the renter.

At this time of year, finding a suitable and decent place to live may be the most important thing a student does other than register for classes. Over the next few months, we will focus on various aspects of the landlord and tenant relationship that you have just entered with your new landlord. We will discuss many areas that are of great concern to students, such as: the amount and return of security deposits, the number and extent of rent increases that you can be charged over the life of your lease, your rights if the landlord attempts to evict you from your apartment and the legal options available to you if

your landlord breaches promises he made in your lease. Today's column briefly sets out the legal apparatus established by the D.C. City Council to guarantee rights to tenants-rent control laws and housing code regulations.

Rent Control Laws

The D.C. City Council has controlled the rate that rents can be increased in residential apartments since 1974. This measure was taken and continues to be in effect because of a severe shortage of rental units in Washington. With

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Protesters march at embassy

by Sheri Prasso

They marched in opposition to an oppression that they can only imagine.

None of us is free till all of us are free," was the determined chant. "None of us is free till all of us are free.

It was echoed by the drumbeat of dedication-a force that has caused a man to stand beyond the 500-foot barrier in front of the South African embassy in D.C. nearly every day for the last nine months beating the drums of freedom for his people.

GW students joined him Thursday afternoon in a 35person anti-apartheid demonstration along Massachusetts Avenue in front of the embassy.

"We want to show our solidarity with the people in South Africa," said David Goldstein, a GW College Democrat and one of the organizers of the protest march. He, along with the African Students Organization, Rev. Bill Crawford of Ecumenical Christian Ministry, and Rabbi Gerald Serotta of Hillel joined forces to form a coalition with GW Voices For a Free South Africa (GWVFFSA). The group, along with student and faculty representatives, met with the administration Friday to discuss GW's investment policy. (Details this page.)

The protesters carried signs demanding freedom while the stream of rush hour traffic honked in support of the de-monstration. One sign read, "Mr. Botha, let God's people go."

While the marchers chanted the melody and the drumbeat tapped out the harmony, those inside the South African embassy could hear nothing. "Nah, they can't hear ' said D.C. Special Operations Division officer John Dorherty. (See PROTEST, p.6)

S. Africa-free investments

GW to seek

by Jim Clarke and Sheri Prasso

GW will seek a South Africafree investment policy from the Common Fund when Vice-President and Treasurer Charles Diehl meets with representatives from that investment management firm next week.

The Common Fund, based in Fairfield, Conn., handles investment portfolios for approximately 1,500 colleges and universities. Close to \$40 million of GW's money is handled by the fund, which invests part of its pool in companies that follow the Sullivan Principles.

The GW administration has been under attack from antiapartheid student groups because of its involvement with the Common Fund.

In the face of this opposition, President Lloyd Elliott and Vice-Presidents Diehl and William Smith called a meeting last Friday morning with student representatives and active mem-bers of GW Voices For a Free South Africa to discuss GW's most effective response to the South African policy of apartheid.

They were joined by GW Student Association President Ira Gubernick, GWUSA Executive Vice-President Tom Fitzpatrick, four African Student Organization members, Faculty President William Griffith, and Board of Chaplains members Rev. Bill Crawford and Rabbi Gerald Serotta.

At the meeting, Diehl "expressed a desire on the part of the University to push to have the Common Fund be a South Africa-free portfolio ... and said he would meet with the Common Fund next week," Crawford said. He added that GW's petition to the Common Fund was not a

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Shots needed to pre-regis

by Scott Smith

Lack of required immunizations could mean approximately 3,000 students will not be allowed to pre-register for the Spring semester, according to administration and Student Health officials.

.. District of Columbia law requires all students under age 26 attending class in the District to provide proof of immunization against polio, diptheria/tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella students under age 26 who have not provided the Student Health Service with proof of compliance with the D.C. law will not be permitted to complete registration for Spring 1986 or subsequent semesters," states a notice for students sent by the administration. The notice is signed by Roderick S. French, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and William Smith, Jr., Vice President for Student

The new policy could affect almost 3,000 students, according to Dr. Isabel Kuperschmit, the Medical Director of the Student Health Service.

'Approximately, I think that we have 5,000 cards in and, theoretically, the number of students required to be immunized is 8,000," she said. "Perhaps [it is] less than that. The number from yesterday [Thursday's immunization clinic] was not included and still many cards are pouring in.

Last Thursday's immunization clinic was the final one. Kuperschmit said that 320 completed cards were received and 513 shots were administered with some students getting multiple shots.

Complaints arose that some people could not get their needed vaccinations due to the clinic being understaffed. The limited number of staff people was seen as the cause of the clinic's long lines and lengthy waits.

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A review 'La Cage Aux Folles' marks the return of Ina Brenner to the Arts and Music section - p. 11

News briefs

GW Musicians are joining in harmony for the first time in the 5th floor Marvin Center lounge tomorrow at 8 p.m.

Conservative British Parlimentarian Gerard Neale will speak in room 202 of the Academic Center this Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The GW Women's Studies Program will host 12 women writers in the 1985 Mid-Atlantic Conference Oct. 19 and 20 in Registration fees range from \$9 to \$20. Throughout the conference, the women will

read their works and answer questions from literary critics. A number of workshops and reports will also be offered, including a report on the Closing Conference of the U.N. Decade for Women in Nairobi. For more information on the conference, call the Women's Studies Program at 676-6942.

... The GW International Student Society presents "La Cage Aux Folles" on video at the Interna-tional Student Society Lounge located in Building D.

Anyone interested in applying to law or graduate school should

attend the GW Graduate and Professional School Fair on the third floor Marvin Center on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 2 p.m.-7 p.m. for Law School Day and Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. for Graduate School Day. Representatives from nearly 100 law and graduate schools will be present to discuss topics including: How to Apply to Law School and Survive; Careers in Law; How to Apply to Graduate School; and Financing Graduate Study.

William C. Adams, a GW associate professor of Public

Administration, will give a lecture on the topic of "TV Held Hostage" as part of a series of breakfast lectures sponsored by the School of Government and Business Administration. Adams, who has authored numerous publications on politics including Television Coverage of the 1980 President Campaign" and "Grenada Update: The Grenadian Public's Attitudes," will speak at the University Club on Oct. 8 from 8:00-9:45 a.m. The program costs \$7.25 per person and reservations can be made by calling 676-7423.

The GW Student Association is looking for volunteers to work with the University Escort Service. The service will begin Wednesday, September 25 and will operate on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. (Eventually, the service plans to operate 7 days a week. Anyone wishing to be accompanied from one campus location to another will be able to call the service which will send out two safety escorts.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact the Student Association at 676-7100. Those in need of the service between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. should call campus security, headquarters of the escort service, at 676-6111.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the Sept. 19 issue of the GW Hatchet that prices for parking in University lots were \$2.35 per hour from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The story should have stated the rate

3,000 will need shots

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Kuperschmit disagreed with the complaints saying the clinic "ran very smoothly." She cited it being "a little bit crowded and hot" as the only problem and faulted the students for not getting the vac-

"Nobody waited more than an hour," she said. "The clinic was scheduled for 1-3 p.m. We stayed over there until four o'clock. We served anyone who had a number between 1 and 3 [p.m.] Some students left and came back at 4:10. That was too late."

Students who still have not provided proof of vaccination do have time to do so.

"Students have time until preregistration for the Spring semester to get their cards in or get their shots," Kuperschmit said. "We will not have big immunization clinics again but we will try to have one day a week here at Student Health where students can come in and check over their cards and get the necessary shots."

The first chance for students to get vaccinated will be this Thursday at 2 p.m. A second opportunity will be Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Students who need their shot history from their doctor can have an immunization card mailed to their physician by calling the Dean of Students' office or Student Health.

"Students should have the cards mailed back to them," said Kuperschmit. "Then, they should check to make sure they have all their shots and send the cards back to us."

Students wishing to be exempted from the vaccination requirement due to religous or medical reasons must make their request through the Dean of Students' office.



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IEXAS INSTRUMENTS

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Residence programs offer students living, learning experience

by Matthew F. Levey

Turning the corner of 21st street onto F St., many a GW student has looked to the left, and done a double-take. "What's with that building over there," they have said.

"That building over there" is Building JJ, a converted brownstone that serves as the home for one of GW's three special residential learning programs. Besides the 21 Technology and Society students living in Building JJ, there are also 25 Politics and Values students in Thurston Hall, and 18 Roots students living in Crawford Hall. These students have chosen to extend their learning experiences into their dorm rooms by living with their classmates and their teaching assistant (TA) as part of GW's residential learning pro-

Politics and Values (PV) is the oldest of the programs. "They are bright, dynamic and motivated, said RA/TA Cheryl Cutler of her PV students."They are people who want to be here ... it was an active decision to apply, so the motivation factor is very high."

Rosie Hollis, the professor for the Politics and Values course "wants them to think, she doesn't want them to memorize," added Cutler. The students read some text books, but rely mostly on primary source materials.

During discussion group they often take trips to important D,C

departments and agencies. Cutler said that on a recent trip to the United States Information Agency, the press director there asked, "How long can I have them for?" The students in the program represent a wide spectrum of political viewpoints and often question what they are taught, said Cutler, "but don't get the impression that all they do is sit around and talk politics.

The most recent entry into the the special programs arena has been a course taught at GW for some time, but only recently became a residential program "Roots: An Exploration of Western Culture" pairs an honors English course with an introduction to Western philosophical thought from the first Jewish settlements through Sta

"The Commission on the Year 2000 made reference to beefing up the humanities offerings at GW and this program works towards that," said RA/TA Karen Diller. "The kids are great, they're very bright, and they have really opened up." The students who live on the second floor of Crawford have nicknamed their area "The Root Canal" and while they are very cohesive, they are "interacting with others in the dormitory as well," said Diller. Recently, one of the women in the program came down with mononucleosis. Before she could even officially announce it to the

(See PROGRAMS, p.12)



Bored with life at the top, this squirrel could only stand around and chew on his nuts

AMI to get hospital lease

Members of the GW Board of Trustees and the Medical and Finance Committees passed a resolution allowing President Lloyd' Elliott to start "commencement of negotiations" to lease the University Hospital to American Medical International (AMI), the Hatchet has learned.

In a two-hour meeting Wednes day, about half of the Board members attending the nonmandatory meeting were given a copy of AMI's preliminary proposal of its recommendations for running the University hospital. The resolution also "requested a progress report" on the specifics of the negotiations be delivered to Board members. However, no specific date was set on when a progress report would be ready.

In a Faculty Senate meeting, the future of the leasing of the GW Hospital was discussed. President Elliott said, "We expect to proceed with negotiations and come

to terms with the leasing of the hospital when the terms of the negotiations will be agreed upon.

The decision the Board will eventually make about leasing the hospital stems from an analysis that projected Hospital capital improvement needs could total \$300 million in the next 20 years, and GW's ability to form such

The AMI proposal is the only one under review after three other health care chains withdrew formally from consideration. AMI, of Beverly Hills, one of the nation's largest investor-owned hospital companies, had been the favored company to acquire the hospital, AMI had helped the University conduct a year-long study on the possibilities of GW leasing the hosptial and it reviewed the University's requirements for the leasing of the

AMI, which has bid for the hospital, fulfilled all the mandatory requirements set by the University. In order to bid for the hospital, the for-profit chain must own and operate at least 50 acute care hospitals, one comparable in size to GW Hospital, and must have the financial size and strength to generate working capital to support the hospital.

AMI manages or owns 110 hospitals in the United States and abroad with 15,507 licensed beds and employs approximately 400,000 people. If AMI were to lease GW hospital, it would be their first hospital in the Northeast. Most of AMI's operations have centered in the South where it owns 66 acute care hospitals.

Dr. Philip Birnbaum, project director and dean of the hospital's administrative affairs, at the time of the study outlined some nonnegotiable terms that had to be met before any deal could be

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

MEETINGS

9/23: Progressive Student Union holds meeting to discuss this year's goals and events Location posted at Marvin Center 420, 8:15pm.

9/23: Dept. of Classics meets every Monday for informal reading of Augustine's Confessions in Latin. Bring your lunch if you like. Bldg. 0-102A, 12:30pm

9/23: SPIA Undergraduate Organization holds peer orien tation for undergraduate members of SPIA (Frosh-Jr.) to acquaint them with procedures and policies of the school. Stuart Hall 108, 7:30pm.

9/24: GW Voices for a Free South Africa meets every Tuesday. BPU Office, 2127 G St. 12:30pm. For more info call

9/24-25: Hillell holds Yom Kippur services, both Conservative and Reform, on campus. Tickets required. Pick them up from Hillel, 812 20th St. For more info, call 296-8873 9/25: Womynspace holds workshop on 'Confronting

Street Harrassment.' Marvin Center 410, 7-9 pm. For more info call 676-7590 9/25: Phi Chi, National Honor

Society in Psychology, invites students interested in psychology to come help us plan activities for the year. Marvin Center 415, 7pm 9/25: Bowling Club holds first

organizational meeting. Co-ed activity. All welcome. Marvin Center 5th Floor Bowling Lanes. 8pm. For more info call-

9/26: SPIA presents a lecture on British Foreign Policy: Key Nuclear & Economic Issues, followed by an information session on Student Internships in the House of Commons by Mr Gerrard Neale, Member of Parliament, North Cornwall. Acad. Ctr. 206, 4pm.

9/26: Ecumenical Christian Ministry presents 'Bread and the Word, breakfast study and meditation. 1920 G St., 7:15pm. For info call x6434

9/26: Gay People's Alliance sponsors discussion group to share insights on what it means to be gay, and how to develop a positive sexual identity. Led by a trained counselor, with emphasis on individuals' rights to privacy. 7:30pm. For more info stop by GPA office Marvin Center 420, or phone the Gay Hotline at 833-3234 (hours: 7-11pm nightly)

9/27: VIVA Leadership Con ference departure from the Marvin Center 21st Street Ramp at 3pm. Please arrive by 2:45pm. For more info contact the Student Activities Office. Marvin Center 425/427 676-6555

9/28: Bowling Club offers free bowling to all people who join the Club. Marvin Center 5th floor Bowling Lanes, 1pm

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

9/23: Hillel Israeli Dancers meet every Monday. GW students \$1/session, Hillel members free. 7pm beginners 8:15 multi-level and open dancing. Marvin Center Ballroom

9/26: Program Board presents 'Amadeus'. Lisner Aud., 8 & 10:30pm. For more info call

9/20: Dept. of English sponsors poetry reading by Barbara Berman, Don Colburn and Joy Jones. 2000 Pennsylvania Ave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! The Student Activities Office will be holding the Halloween University Blood Drive on Tuesday, October 28 from 11am-5pm in the Marvin Center Ballroom. We need students, staff and faculty to help us staff the various tables. For those of you unable to donate blood, here's another way to contribute to a lifegiving cause. To volunteer, contact the Student Activities Office, Marvin Center 425/427, 676-6555, as soon as possible

The Writing Lab (Stuart 201A), a writing tutorial, is now open: Mondays through Thursdays, 10am-7pm; Fridays, 10am-2pm This service is free to all GWU students who need help with papers, resumes, applications, letters, or any other kinds of writing. For an appointment, call x3765 or come by to sign uo on the appointment sheets taped to the Lab door

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS... Catalogs for the Center's Personal Development Series are available at the Center (718 21st St.) and around campus. The following groups are now being organized Fed Up With Bingeing--for

students who binge and purge -Secrets--for students who have been sexually or physically abused The Manana Syndrome-to help procrastinators; Tuesdays

4:30-6pm -Coping with Long Distance Relationships; Tuesdays 9/24, Marvin Center 413, 5-6:30 pm For more info and to sign up call 676-6550

Campus Highlights is printed every Monday. All information dealing with campus activities, meetings, socials, special events or announcements must be submitted in writing to the Student Activities Office, Marvin Center 425/427 by WEDNESDAY NOON. All advertising in this section is free. Student Activities reserves the right to edit and/or abridge all items for matters of style, consistency and space

Editorials

The hell out

"Divestment" seems to have become a dirty word here at GW

The discussion on this University's dealings with companies that do business with South Africa has been called by various factions "reasonable" and "responsible."

For some cause unknown to us it has become a sign of one's "reasonableness" to call for anything but divestment. The GWUSA Senate, for example, went very far out of its way to ensure that the dirty "D" word was not anywhere to be seen in their recent resolution.

We think that "daring to be cautious" with the divestment issue will, ultimately, get us about as far as "daring to be cautious" got Walter Mondale

The time has come for the George Washington University to divest itself of any holdings with corporations that do business with the South African regime. The University Administration should commence with a specific plan to find alternative sources of revenue that have nothing to do with the Common Fund or any other corporation which tacitly supports institutionalized racism with its U.S. investment dollars.

This plan should commence whether or not the Common Fund, with whom GW is meeting next week, agrees to a South Africa-free portfolio. Either GW should convince the Common Fund to divest-and begin motions in that direction acceptably soon-or GW

should get out of the Common Fund, A.S.A.P.

There seem to be two goals within the GW anti-apartheid movement. two goals which do not necessarily complement each other. One is that of GW becoming the leader of a nation-wide movement of universities to demand that the Common Fund get out of the business of doing business with South Africa. This is a fine idea. But we have to be careful. Too much emphasis on the bigger picture and we might adopt tactics which cause us to lose the fight here at home. Too much emphasis on nebulous "dialogues," and too much fear of demanding divestment post haste, makes our strategy begin to look uncomfortably like the Reagan administration's failed policy of constructive engage-

GW should get the hell out of South Africa.

Justice for all

Our Attorney General, Edwin Meese III, has recently been busy building himself a sterling record at the Justice Department. Not content merely to have been confirmed as Attorney General amidst controversy concerning his qualifications for the job-or lack thereof-Meese has once again thrust himself into the spotlight, headfirst. Headfirst? Well, perhaps not ... perhaps just leading with his

On the subject of racial quotas in hiring, Meese, while addressing students at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, equated remedial hiring quotas with slavery. Meese said quotas were encouraging "a new version of the separate-but-equal doctrine." He went on to posit that supporters of quotas and supporters of slavery in the old south are on

more or less the same moral plain.

On the subject of corporate crime, the Justice Department has been called in front of a Senate committee to account for its laxity in prosecuting large corporations including the giant drug company, SmithKline Beckman Corporation. SmithKline stood accused of failing to notify the FDA about adverse reactions to its drug, Selacryn, which has been linked to 36 deaths. The Justice Department prosecuted SmithKline on a misdemeanor charge, and SmithKline eventually paid a \$100,000 fine. This seems to be a rather small price to pay for 36 lives, especially since FDA recommended that SmithKline be prosecuted for felony offenses. What is incredible is that the Justice Department cited the outcome of the case as a victory. For whom?

It seems to us disturbing that Edwin Meese has, so far, proved to be rather selective in his prosecutorial zeal, as well as being blissfully cavalier about his great responsibility as attorney general—his responsibility to uphold justice for all.



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Frat response

I was highly upset and dismayed to see ignorance in cartoon form, printed under the title, "GW Flip Side," in your Sept. 16 issue. It was simply wrong and distasteful to print "Little Sisters Free" in the cartoon. Little Sisters of fraternities are not free, and such implication is degrading and untrue. Little Sisters are vital and respected members of fraternal organizations. To those who still take the dim and closed-minded view of fraternities and sororities, you have not looked closely at these organizations in a long time. The Greek system at this school is growing and changing for the better. To Mr. Anonymous Art, and those in the GW community who don't or can't accept this, I'm sorry. But the Greek system is here to stay

-Adam Freedman, I.F.F. Presi-

Concern

It is with much concern that I read of the calls for disinvestment from South Africa. I wish to take the task of presenting a portion of the other side of the argument. While I, like most other Americans, am morally outraged by the current system of racial separation that exists in South Africa. I am opposed to the doctrine of disinvestment. Yet, anyone who speaks out against disinvestment automatically labeled a racist or facist, or worse. It is my belief that there is not enough being done to explain the facts about the repercussions of disinvestment for South Africans as a whole-and I make no distinction between Black South Africans, Coloreds, and White South Africans.

Disinvestment would substantially weaken any leverage the U.S. has to effect a change through its policy of constructive engagement

I wonder how many of those who call for disinvestment have been to South Africa and have talked with South Africans-both black and white. What portion of their outrage is derived from what they see on the evening news, or what they read in The New Republic, The Washington Post, Time, Newsweek or the other popular news organs that permeate our free society? What percentage of those who call for disinvestment know that the head of the largest tribe in South Africa, Chief Buthelezi of the Zulu nation, is opposed to dis-While a powerful investment? proponent of power sharing and political reform, he is opposed to disinvestment because of the economic havoc it will wreak on all South Africans. And what percentage of those who call for disinvestment are aware of the role played by the Afrrican National Congress (ANC), a Soviet-backed terrorist organization, in fomenting riots and racial strife between blacks and whites, and blacks and blacks?

I can't help but wonder why these people crying out for the United States to disinvest from "oppressive, horrendous, racist regime of South Africa" say nothing about disinvesting from corporations that trade with the Soviet Union. Surely there has never been a greater violator of the basic rights of humankind than the Soviet Union. If you don't believe me, just ask a Latvian, or a Lithuanian, or a Pole, or a Czech or a Hungarian. And among them IBM, General Motors, RCA, Boeing, Exxon, B.F. Goodrich trade with South Africa. Why do these people not call for Soviet disinvestment?

Where will disinvestment lead? Will it turn South Africa into a Will it more divided nation? become another Rhodesia-a Marxist, oppressive one-party state where freedom is regularly suppressed? Will disinvestment cause a civil war between the non-homogeneous black nations, like that which occured in the Congo following its independence? Are those who call for disinvestment ready to accept the bloodshed that will be on their hands because of the economic crisis that will provoke these actions?

I ask that you to stop and consider the true ramifications of disinvestment. Surely there are other, more effective, less dangerous ways to influence the South African government into changing its racial policies. After all, in the United States, over 100 years elapsed between the Emancipation Proclaimation and the Civil Rights Act of 1965. Surely the South Africans deserve the same chance we gave ourselves.

-Peter Roff

Anger

One reads constantly, of late, about sexual assault. You

shouldn't walk alone, you should stay in lit areas, etc. But there is one type of sexual assault from which it is difficult to protect yourself: it is known as acquaintance rape

I bring this topic up because my housemate and close friend was almost raped the other night, by someone she knew. Hearing her story brought back memories of my own close encounter with this event. Her assailant was a regular customer at the bar where she works. Mine was a friend and floormate in a GW dorm.

Sexual assault in any form is not something you'd wish on your worst enemy, but acquaintance rape is probably the worst kind because: 1) it is unexpected, and therefore difficult to protect yourself from; and 2) it is done by someone you know and trust.

At this point what I wish to emphasize is protection. As I said, it is very difficult to protect yourself-it really is unexpected. An action or insinuation of a sexual nature, when from a stranger, puts one on guard. But if the same is done by a friend, it is taken lightly, as friendly flirting. There is no solution to this, because one cannot go around taking everything the wrong way All I can say is to be cautious. If the friend continually does the same thing, or says the same things in a sexual connotation, be wary when alone with him.

Another point is that the victim should not feel at fault. Especially with acquaintance rape, the victim feels she encouraged it or that maybe she led the person on. This leads to the assault not being reported. I did not report mine because I had no proof. There were no marks: it was my word against his. But my housemate "luckily" has marks, and is pressing charges.

If this happens, don't feel at fault. Sexual acts are generally considered personal and intimate. They are how you tell someone that you love him, enough to give yourself totally to that person and become one with him. Rape violates this intimacy, and is therefore very devastating, even when one comes close to being raped

I have written all this to release anger, extreme anger, that this occurs and there is virtually no way to protect yourself. I just hope everyone is aware that this could occur to anyone at anytime.

-Name withheld

AIDS: the new enemy within

An epidemic is sweeping the nation, an epidemic of fear. AIDS hysteria/ has reached into every corner of the country, bringing with it a wave of hatred and fear reminiscent of the Red Scare of the 1950s.

This fear is largely based on ignorance. Thus far, AIDS has been proven to be transmissible only through sexual contact, use of a contaminated hypodermic needle, receiving a contaminated blood transfusion, or from mother to newborn child. Despite the discovery of the virus in tears and saliva, experts agree there is little or no risk of contracting the disease from casual contact, with

Alan R. Cohen and Marshall Arbitman

victims ... or from toilet seats, or casual kissing, or shaking hands, or having your hair cut by a homosexual, or even from attending kindergarten.

Yet according to a CBS-New York Times poll, the American public seems to be unaware that AIDS is a rather difficult disease to catch. What drives that fear, of course, is the fact that AIDS is inevitably fatal. But so is getting hit in the head by lightning, and it certainly be easier to adapt your lifestyle to avoid the former than it is the latter. It seems that the very fatality of this primarily sexually transmitted disease has blinded the public to their own relative safety, and has instead spawned a shameful witchhunt permeated with hatred, cruelty and insensitivity. This witchhunt mentality is a frightened attempt by members of society to take comfort in the fact that they have not yet been afflicted. It is also a way to deny that they too could, one day, contract the disease. Thus by burning the witchesmetaphorically speaking-society purifies itself.

Fear of AIDS has directed the wrath of society at its most innocent and vulnerable members.

Children with AIDS have been banned from attending elementary school, even though no evidence exists of risk to their classmates. One school district went so far as to deny enrollment to a nine-year-old brother of a four-year-old girl who actually only tested positively for AIDSrelated complex (ARC). In school districts all over the country, parents have removed their children from school, or have picketed to prevent children with AIDS from attending class. The fears are understandable, though unjustified, but the actions smack of intolerance and ignorance.

Even worse is the plight of the adult AIDS victim and the plight of those who attempt to help him. Faced with certain death, many victims cannot even find a place to die. In a hospital, where tolerant

attitudes once prevailed, AIDS victims are treated like lepers, left unwashed and unattended to die in solitude. Alternatives to death in hospital, such as hospices, are often unavailable to AIDS victims. Shelters specifically designated to house dying AIDS patients have been hounded out of neighborhoods by residents concerned about a higher risk of contracting AIDS as well as a fear of falling property values.

A sad consequence of the AIDS epidemic is a new outbreak of homophobia and discrimination against gays. In New York City, many restaurants have fired waiters suspected of being gay, and many people are avoiding dining out at posh eateries alleged to employ gays. On some California beaches, lifeguards have refused to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation without special equipment. There is no evidence that AIDS can be transmitted from such contact. Not surprisingly in the wake of abortion clinic bombings, AIDS clinics and gay community centers have likewise been threatened, vandalized and terrorized.

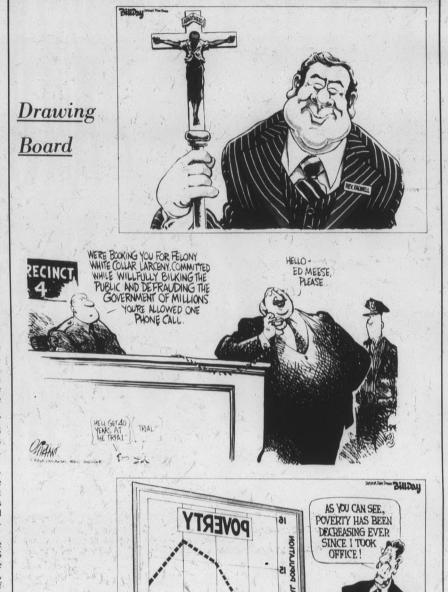
The inspiration for these actions goes far beyond fear of the disease itself. Instead, the threat of AIDS has been a key which has unlocked the door to a dark and ugly corner of a troubled American psyche.

In prisons, which house America's true outcasts, AIDS hysteria has struck with a perverse and ironic vengeance. For years, inmates have been victims of brutal sodomy and little has been done. Yet when one 16-year-old convict-a likely victim of such brutality who tested positive for AIDS virus-entered a Denver prison, he was immediately quarantined and separated from other inmates so that his would-be assailants would not be placed at risk of contracting the disease. As it turned out, he actually didn't have the disease and was returned to the prison population; that is, once the warden knew he was 'safe."

There is no question that AIDS is a deadly disease. And we don't pretend for a minute that there is any cure in sight. We also don't pretend that there is no reason for fear. However AIDS is, no matter how you look at it, a rare disease and one that is not easily caught. Certainly, it is laudable to take precautions to avoid the disease. There is no reason to be graphic here; it is rather obvious how to avoid contracting a disease that is most often spread by engaging in anal intercourse or by sharing a needle. But ludicrous precautions based on dubious facts and irrational fears that result in cruelty and persecution are unnecessary, shameful, and not worth any marginal or presumed benefit.

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I, like hundreds of other students, took seriously the administration's threat that no one would be able to register for classes next semester until he had proof of vaccinations.

We all obediently went to the Smith Center on Sept. 19, the last day the Student Health Service was scheduled to give vaccinations. We each were to shell out between \$2 and \$15 dollars for the privilege of getting poked in the

arm.

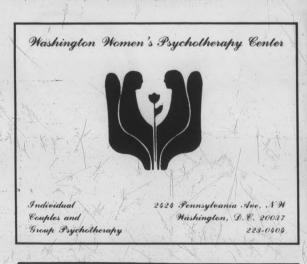
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Unfortunately, a lot of us did not get vaccinated because the situation at The Smith Center was, to put it politely, disorganized. To put it truthfully, it was closer to chaos. When I arrived, I had to wait for 10 minutes to get a required form. It was only after I got the form did I realize that there were some two hundred people ahead of me, and only five or six staff persons from the Student Health Service in attendance. Of these, only one or two were administering shots.

If the University is so serious about complying with the District of Columbia Immunization of School Children Act that it has threatened to close its doors to those not in compliance, perhaps they could make more than a marginal effort to help students to obtain the necessary vaccinations. Allocating a half-dozen Health Service staff to a program that covers several thousand students was effective in immunizing only a few students, and frustrating the remainder.

-David G. Linger

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GW students show their disapproval of apartheid in march at South

GW protesters march at S. African embassy

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He has been involved in more than 2,000 arrests at the embassy. They include Harry Bellafonte, Amy Carter, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Effie Barry, wife of Mayor Marion Barry, and Coretta Scott

He has no personal feelings about dutifully arresting protesters who cross the 500-foot barrier. "It's just another day's work," he said.

Last spring about 90 marchers protested during a GW de-monstration in the front of the

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embassy. Sixteen peoplebarrier. They knocked on the embassy door and demanded an icy of racial segregation.

This year no GW students or faculty were arrested, fearing prosecution for a second offense. Three representatives from Americans for Democratic Action performed the ritual. They rode in a car from the demonstration to the embassy entrance. After walking in a solemn line from Massachusetts Avenue, the procession knocked on the embassy door before the act was completed with their courteous arrest.

This Friday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. the GWVFFSA coalition will join in a march from the Labor Department to the Ellipse. Some people will leave from Rev. Jesse Jackson's speech in Lisner Auditorium to march with mem-

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including Crawford and Serotta-were arrested for crossing the explanation for the country's pol-

Big Al's bers of local anti-apartheid groups. Other GWVFFSA mem-2121 L St. NW 457-9699 bers will meet the marchers for a rally in the Ellipse at 2:30 p.m. 10% OFF to GW Students and staff with ID One Day Cleaning One Day Shirt Service no extra charge **Tailoring** on Premises 2030 P Street NW 2128 Penn Ave

Odd's Cafe cited by city health

Odd's Cafe, a popular GW nightspot located at 915 21 St. NW, was closed by the D.C. Public Health Department for 24 hours last Thursday. City inspectors cited the establishment for several violations, including broken furniture in the rear hallway and lack of adequate bathroom facilities.

A fine of \$200 was issued, according to Public Health Department records.

The owner of the bar said the police told him a week ago to control the crowd inside the bar. That warning has prompted him to stop customers at the door until other patrons have left.

The owner, who identified himself as Mr. Odd, said that the cost of repairs to bring the restaurant up to code was almost \$4,500. It cost \$4,000 for a bathroom installed earlier this year and between \$300 and \$400 for repairs to the wall in the older bathroom. Customers have punched and kicked holes in the walls of that bathroom several times in the past two years, according to

Odd, busy painting the walls and moving broken furniture with several of his employees Friday, estimated a loss of "a couple of grand" in gross revenues Thursday night, traditionally one of the establishment's busiest nights

University considers divestment

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result of Friday's meeting, but part of an ongoing plan for divestment

Neither Diehl nor Elliott could be reached for comment about the

"I think this is a damn good start," Gubernick said, adding that a time table for complete divestment was also discussed.

Fitzpatrick called Elliott "remarkably forward" and credited the meeting to last week's GWUSA Senate resolution calling for dialogue with the administration about GW's investment policy in South Africa.

Crawford wants the University "to consider the most morally consistent policy in South Africa," and to have representatives from schools that have divested come to GW and consult with the administration

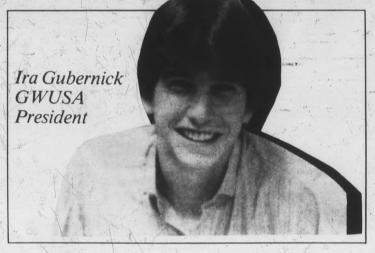
"GW is in an excellent position to not only act responsively with our own portfolio, but to pose some questions to the Common Fund," Crawford said, adding that if all the universities which invested in the Common Fund called for a South Africa-free portfolio, "It would send out a very strong message.'

Smith indicated there would be a follow-up meeting with the same representatives, probably within the next two weeks.

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The dynamic duo of Gubernick, Farricker



Frank Farricker Program Board Chairman

How long have you been involved with the Student Association?

Since the second semester of my freshman year.

Why did you get involved?

I wasn't as active as I wanted to be, I had plenty of free time, and I wanted to get involved with my school more.

Is there a special purpose to the Student Association, or do you have a certain goal or aim?

I see us as having two distinct purposes the first is to affect policy, to make sure the students are represented on university committees and boards, and if there's a really hot issue, like the University could be doing something better than they're doing, it's really our job to push for it. It's our real policy to be the official representatives of the student body. The second is to provide services to the student body that the administration cannot provide, like the Campus Escort Service, peer tutorial

service, etc. Any activities are to build a rapport and good relations with the faculty, board, and administration; they are really to get our name out and get the students to support us.

Do you think you are doing a good job of representing the students?

I think that the school is very open to our organization and the voices of the students, and I've never had any trouble since I came here,' and I've never felt 'shorted' by the administration.

So you feel they're very open-minded?

Yes, I've never had any trouble with them.

... and the students have good relations with the administration?

I think the students in this school are on excellent terms with them. I do not see that much trouble between them. Sometimes you're going to run across a tough issue, and it's going to create some friction, but I

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How long have you been working for the Program Board?

I've been doing it for two years now and I'll graduate this year so therefore I will not do it next year. I announce I am out of the race.

How did you get involved with the Program Board to start with?

Well, actually I did it on a bet. No, it was a dare. Two years ago a friend of mine dared me to run for a student office. So I decided to do the Program Board which no one cared about at the time. So I just got a stake from a construction site. Like to a picket fence and I bought some poster board and wrote up my sign. The guy I was running against didn't even show up because he was on vacation and I won.

What is the purpose of the Program Board?

To bring lots of good entertainment to

To bring lots of good entertainment to students in their own backyard for very little money. That's the function of the Program Board. The purpose for us is we

have fun and get to meet rock stars.

Just entertainmnet?

And excitement. Actually we finance events that are not strictly entertainment. For instance, if a student group wants to put on some type of event and they don't have enough money, they can ask the Program Board to help out and we'll vote on the merits of the particular issue and decide. There's a lot of stuff we can help out with for political groups and we always sponsor parties throughout the year. But people probably know us best for the concerts.

Do you think the Program Board does a good job of representing all the students?

I think so. Pretty much. As I said we give money when groups need it. Like now we're co-sponsoring with the College Democrats an appearence of Rev. Jesse Jackson on the 27th. Anybody can be a member of the Program Board and suggest and vote

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A 'Zoo' where the animals aren't so wild

by Jennifer Tobin and Randi Kushner

Every university campus has a dorm that emphasizes social life, sexual promiscuity and its 24 hour hour activity. Warren Towers of Boston University and Flint on Mt. Olympus at Syracuse University come to mind. Here at George Washington University that dorm is Thurston Hall.

Famous for its parties, broken elevators, 5 a.m. fire drills, cockroaches, and freshmen, Thurston Hall still remains the first dorm freshmen request upon making their decision to attend GW.

Although it has been awarded the reputation of being called "The Zoo," unfolding an image of out-of-control maniacs having parties at all hours and creating, havoc; things realistically are not that insane. Jan B'chara, resident director of Thurston Hall, expressed that this depiction of the dorm grows from its reputation in the early '70s.

B'chara said, "A bad reputation dies hard." Many staff members were wary initially of taking residential positions in Thurston. Although staff members were at first afraid Thurston would live up to its outrageous credentials, they have spoken postively to B'chara having since lived here. B'chara finds the students living in Thurston are generally considerate, responsible people and they find the quality of

living here to be very enjoyable.

Residing in Thurston is full of advantages. Some students arrive with a few friends from home, however, most people are placed in a different situation. Not knowing anyone, the students are thrown into living situations with people who are initially strangers.

But one of Thurston's strongest points is the exceptional ease in which anyone can meet people. People are outgoing, friendly, and accessible. "One reason I love living in Thurston is because I have made so many good friends in such a short period of time," said freshman Maria Perez, who lives on the fourth floor. Perez describes her floor as having an

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Thurston Hall: A dorm with a reputation that dies hard

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"open door policy," where everyone is very close, like a family. Second floor resident Claudine Burns describes Thurston as "definitely a party dorm." The only disadvantage she sees is that it is almost impossible to do any work living there. "Six a.m. is the only time I find Thurston reasonably quiet to do my work." said Burns.

Thurston's other positive features include the numerous facilities available to the residents. The cafeteria, conveniently located in the basement, is a feature which most dorms lack. Audrey Goldman of the sixth floor said that over the summer, people warned her about the "freshmen ten," a reference to gaining weight from college food. However, after eating in Thurston's dining hall, she said people should be more cautious of the "negative twenty," Still, the cafeteria is appreciated by most students. The computer, typing, and piano rooms are other pluses at Thurston.

The hall government system of

Thurston provides student representation for every floor. This system enables any problems to be dealt with through student representation, which gives students a feeling of close proximity to the solution of any dispute. This is another valuable factor that unifies the residents of Thurston.

There are many benefits to living in Thurston, but the attraction goes beyond these elements, The dorm has its own special character; the people who live inside. Kenny Barish said he finds all kinds of people here: "It is very mixed, stuck-up, preppy, anti-social, social, Bruce Springsteen fans, lowlifes, partiers, and smelly people, there is not just one type." Resident Assistant Joe Conklin of the fifth floor said, "There tends to be a stereotype of Thurston Hall having only one type of person. However, a large diversity of people live here, with different lifestyles and different personalities." Conklin finds Thurston's party reputation justifiable, yet he desribes it as exciting and dynamic rather than an out-of-control environment.

"In comparison to most University housing, Thurston's rooms are quite luxurious, with air conditioning, a bathroom, hot water, large size, and a weekly cleaning service," said freshman David Goldstein. The only downfalls he and his roommate spoke of were that "the receptionist at the front desk could be nicer, and the water in the shower goes up 400 degrees if someone flushes the toilet."

"Thurston Hall is the heart of residence halls," said Nina Segal. Maybe for this reason so many freshmen are attracted to the so-called "zoo."

If you came to Thurston because you heard it is the next best place to the library then you are bumming. If your idea of a hot weekend is *The Love Boat* and Lorna Doones, do not plan on staying too long in Thurston. But if you came with the hopes of lost of parties, friends, additional experiences to add to your sex life, and can deal with an occasional overflowing toilet and a roach or three million, welcome to Thurston Hall.

The adventures of Sally Kukla Who

The story that is about to be written is about a girl; her name is Sally Kukla Who, who is having a no-fun time in her Eastern bloc home. So she decides to defect to the United States where, in an effort to hit the real-cool time, she hooks up with three friends who all die.

The twist is that they all die happily because this is by no means a sad story. The other twist is that everyone speaks in verse except the narrator. This is so it might be easier for the reader to memorize what has happened; and since like all good stories this is only a cartoon without pictures there will be no regard for time or logic or punctuation or anything else that might slow me down.

The characters we start off with are Zortav, Sally's evil but sympathetic father, who is rich from teaching physics at the local university; Vatroz, Sally's evil but sympathetic uncle who teaches gym to third graders at the local university; and Pavlov, Sally's uncharacterized brother, who as a gag by Zortav and Vatroz, has been locked up all of his 22 vears in a small upstairs closet where he is seldom fed, never allowed outside, and the only stimulation he recieves is when either Zortav or Vatroz opens the door to laugh at him or perhaps egg him on with a disturbing facial contortion. Sometimes, they might do this: First Vatroz will say

Ha Ha, Pavlov, He He, you really suck.
Then Zortav will chime in with

his demonic two cents,
The butt of the joke you really

be it. Then Vatroz,

Being locked in this closet is really just bad luck Then Zortay.

But you can't lighten up and just see it Zortav,

Now, be a good sport and laugh at yourself 'cause to the outside world you're only a rumour

You're too stupid to speak and to run; you're to weak and besides you have no sense of humour

Zortav, When Zortav and I are down in Russian dumps we open door and laugh and jump up

kinetic Vatroz.

We may be mean but things aren't what they seem 'cause to your cause we're really sympathetic

The brothers are pretty

much the Yin and Yang of the depressed Eastern bloc set. They sometimes amuse each other by playing clarinet duets after which they do perverse gesturings with the clarinets which provide endless giggles. There is also Sally K Who, who seemingly has no relationship whatsoever in name or appearence to any of her relatives. She wants to leave her hameland and I think she has red hair. Incidentally, the reason I did not give physical descriptions about either of the brothers is because they die in the end and I didn't think it was worth it-well, we all die in the end, but they die in the end of the story. I didn't mean to imply that in general it is not worth it because we die in the end.

However, to give you insights into the brothers personal appearence I will give you one hygienic fact for each of them: Zortav, because of a dearth of running water, goes to the local lake and fills up squirt guns with water to take home and wash his face and brush his teeth with every morning and night and Vatroz doesn't.

The introduction is over. It will never come back.

Now, we are plunged into a gay and festive coctail party being thrown by the brothers, whose last name, incidently is Gibbski. One is wearing a too-small spandex t-shirt with tuxedo image printed on it. The other, the uncle, is lying on a couch in a completely inappropriate Adolph Hitler signature beach towel, watching two female guests dancing in the corner with a wild abdomen. The party is bouncing until three things happen:

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President Ira Gubernick waxes expansive

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think for the most part they listen to us.

What would you say the Association could do for students in general?

When you're talking about something like GWUSA, you're talking about the implementation of interschool majors and minors, and an alternate budget—these things are intangible. Something like an academic evaluation doesn't have a monetary value.

So you work more behind the scenes?

We do a lot behind the scenes, but the only power we have is because the administration and faculty recognize us as the voice of the students. The purpose of the University is to further knowledge through our education and research. The administration can't be in the classroom all the time.

So you are like a liaison between the students and administration?

Absolutely. They appreciate our viewpoint and are very open to us.

Last year there were a lot of stories and rumors about the elections—do you feel that's been resolved or do you still have hard feelings that people suspected you of something?

Yeah—I felt I had to start at a loss. I felt shorted by the fact that people were judging me through Hatchet headlines and not by meeting me or talking with me. What you do is grow a tough skin, and you learn to just do your job and if you're doing it right then you feel confident. You have to learn to ignore some things because you can't make

everybody happy—you just have to do what's best for the school. So you started out with two strikes against you?

I wouldn't go as far as two strikes. I think the majority of students realized I had nothing to do with anything that went on, and I don't even know what went on. All we can try to do is improve and try not to make the same mistake twice.

Do you think that the Association is different now than it was in the past? Are you doing more now?

Over the last three years, since I came to the Student Association, I have seen tremendous growth. I think the last two presidents have done an excellent job of getting the Association's name out. Even over the last two years our image and rapport have been really built up and we have a very good base now.

So you've been getting better and better?

Absolutely. We're moving forward, always.

Do you think that you have a lot of power to help resolve school issues?

On issues that we have a lot of say with, yes ... on issues that we have the best insight to the matter. There's a big tradeoff. There's some things the administration has to handle, but we can help them with their priorities.

What about tuition?

Some things the student body has a lot of say in, but some things we don't have a lot of power or the final say in. We do help on the Budget Committee; we do get a week to review and get an alternate budget. We do sit in on the Budget Committee, but I

wouldn't say we have a remarkable amount of power to say what the budget decision is.

But it's better than having no voice at all?

Without a doubt. We have some voice, but again, we're better at student affairs and academics than how much we can affect the budget.

What does the Association think about the frat system, because frats are sometimes stereotyped as being "animal houses"?

I think that they are the best hope we have to create a lot of spirit at this school ... I see no better way for community service, I see no better way for school services than through the fraternity system.

So we have a good caliber of frats?

I'd like to see them improve on their University service. I think they could be serving the school more than they do.

Sometimes all we hear about are frat parties and sorority parties and nothing else about them.

One thing we're adding is a Fraternity Service Award. Hopefully, it's going to motivate the fraternities to display what they're doing more, and give them incentive to go out and help us more. For example, the Campus Escort Service—there's no better way for the fraternities to help us more.

What is the Escort Service?

Campus Escort Service, which hopefully will be started by Wednesday, is a group of students who stay from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at various locations to escort anyone that needs it. Let's say a girl studying late at the library—that's a very typical situation—wants to

be walked to her car or apartment. It's to help prevent the kind of incidents that have happened on campus.

Is this in coordination with the campus security force?

No, this is done by the Student Association. Security will help escort you, but we feel people will feel more comfortable being escorted by their peers.

It's been said there's a stereotype of a GWU student—that they're either foreign or a JAP. What do you think about that? Do you think it's not true, partially true, or not true at all?

I think the student at GWU is well-educated, and very intelligent, and something that I've noticed since my first year here is that everybody studies. I don't believe in stereotyping when you're talking about anybody.

So you think it shouldn't matter or it doesn't matter? And it's not just one kind or another of person that comes here? Absolutely not. To say that is a farce, It's obvious that we have as many different nationalities and international students and people from every state in the country. Granted, there are a higher percentage of Jewish students at this school than [elsewhere] in the nation. But most of the people are not foreign or Jewish.

What do you think of The Hatchet?

It's the most powerful organization on campus.

Do you think that's good or bad?

It's needed. I think that you have to have a newspaper, a campus newspaper that's responsible. Again, it's only students doing it so mistakes may happen once in a while, but they try their best to do a good job.

Any final words?

We try our best, and if something doesn't go like we want it to, then we tried. You can't ask for more than that.

A party waiting to happen

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events so I think we pretty much represent anybody that wants to be represented.

How does someone get on the Program Board?

You come up to the Program Board office and say, 'I want to be on the Program Board,' in any voice you want to use. Then when we organize an event we'll tell you when the meetings are and what people are doing. There's a lot that goes into putting on event, more than most people realize, so it's unusual that we would turn down help. You're all invited.

Is the Program Board open

Is the Program Board open minded about what it chooses?

L suppose. I think we're all snobs by now and sometimes there's a tendency to think we always know best but there's always someone on the board who is going to argue the other way, and sometimes they'll be right and they will show everyone that they're right. There's almost nothing that we won't consider because it wouldn't even get to

discussion unless someone liked

What about last year's elections with the fraud and the re-vote? Is that all behind you now?

As far as I'm concerned it's all blown over, but for a lot of people it clearly isn't because that's always the first thing people ask me about. But if people don't forget what happened then there's probably less of a chance of it happening again.

How is the Program Board different from last year?

Well, first, we have twice as many people which means more students are involved, obviously. It also means more creativity because we have more people thinking. There are a lot of traditional Program Board things that are getting debated this year. Is there a stereotypical member of the Program Board?

Someone once said to me that everyone on the Program Board was a very cold, calculating businessman type. And I've also had people say just the opposite—that

we're freaky liberal Mondale lovers. We have some of both. We even have some in the middle. We're everyone you would want to meet and more.

What do you think of the GW Hatchet?

I think it should come out on time because we advertise in it, but otherwise I'm wildly indifferent. I read it in class when I have nothing else to do or when I'm in the bathroom.

Who is your favorite 16th century author?

(Long, fidgety pause) Either Buddha or the other would have to be, I think, the Canterbury tales guy, Chaucer.

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Absurdist comedy and a comedy that is absurd:

Source's 'Waiting For Godot' touches dark side of the soul

by Maryanne Reed

If your angst is in need of a fix, take it to the Source Theatre's production of Waiting For Godot. This two and a half hour all female version of Samuel Beckett's masterpiece is esoteric, entertaining and heavy enough to give even a Valley Girl a case of the blues.

Written in 1954 by Beckett, an Irish living in exile in Paris, Waiting For Godot exemplifies the pessimism of post-war literature. Billed as a tragi-comedy, it reveals Beckett's nihilistic vision of humanity—the flip side of Western "civilization."

The play centers around two hobos, Vladimir and Estragon, who wait for a being or phenomenon (Godot) that never arrives. While they wait, they play verbal games with one another and with two travellers who cross their path, Pozzo, a wealthy landowner and his slave, Lucky.

Unlike traditional theatre, the play lacks a formal plot structure. Spatial and temporal boundaries are the only formal borders. The setting is Anytime, Anywhere, and the characters represent Universal Man (or Woman in this version). Through their rambling discourse, Beckett's world view emerges.

The characters are bored, bored, bored with their existence. They can find no meaning in lives they view as interminable prison sentences. They are consumed with their own private pain and are literally numb, asleep and blind to the suffering of each other. With difficulty, they depend upon each other out of habit and need rather than true feeling. They utter statements like, "There is nothing to be done" and "There is no lack of void."

The ray of hope that enables them to continue takes the amorphous shape of Godot, whom they expect will release them from their existential hell. But who is Godot ... God, Death, Time? Although Beckett loads his script with references to mortality and with religious allusions, he provides no easy answers from which the audience may draw conclusions.

The Source production offers a unique adaption of Beckett's themes. The female cast augments the concept of universality making the author's message appear to transcend time, place and even gender restrictions. Director Phil Setren says that he chose female actors as an added irony since women traditionally play a waiting role in society and thus have even less control over their destinies than men.

Setren's direction also highlights the comic aspects of the play. The skilled actors display clownlike mannerisms and deliver their lines with vaudevillian grace. The humor, which borders on slapstick in parts, adds to the absurdity but detracts from the horror. With the exception of one or two seenes, the actors do not convey the agony that one expects from Beckett's anti-heroes. On the other hand, the Source's production contributes an element of human warmth that many find missing in the text.

In assessing the final impact of Waiting For Godot, it is difficult to separate Beckett's words from their enactment. Despite the Source's lighter touch, his message still lays heavy on the soul. After the show, one is tempted to toss aside the school books and hop a freight boat to New Guinea.





Peter Marshall, ex host of 'Hollywood Squares,' and a bevy of beautiful guys

'La Cage Aux Folles' soars high at the National Theatre

by Ina Brenner

It is almost wickedly entertaining to watch and appreciate eight men in drag, two women who are trying to be men being women and two maturing gentlemen playing "madams."

That's exactly what you get when you cross the talented playwrighting of Harvey Fierstein and the lyrical genius of Jerry Herman—a brilliant spectacle of dare, dress and drag in *La Cage Aux Folles* now appearing at the National Theatre.

Peter Marshall and Keene Curtis play George and Albin (alias the Cage's Zsa Zsa), respectively, in this comical and even touching story of two "homosexual transvestites"—excuse me, one homosexual transvestite. George is just a plain homosexual. Fierstein (of Torch Song Trilogy) has once again combined the hardreality of being different with heartfelt humor and has found success.

George's son, Jean-Michel, a mistake made one night 24 years ago in an effort to find out "what all the fuss was about," returns home to tell his father that he is getting married to a girl, no less. Jean-Michel has been brought up by George's lover of 20 years, Albin, who as the ultimate St. Tropez drag queen performer, wows hundreds of patrons in George's club La Cage Aux Folles. From here on the story grows into one of love, acceptance and maturity. It may all sound like a harsh reality is being thrown at you all at once, but in no way, and by no means is this mere harsh reality.

Reality here is the fact that Marshall

surprisingly gives an enjoyable performance. His days as the emcee on the television game show "Hollywood Squares" never let us know that he can sing and act in so pleasant a manner. As George, his wit and understanding manner are a bit unpolished, but not so much that he steps out of character and loses the amusing essence of 'La Cage.'

Marshall's co-star Curtis is truly remarkable. Albin is an intricate character. He waivers between the need to be a homosexual man and a charming, elegant female. Curtis' exceptional animation of Albin into Zsa Zsa brings the audience not only into a theatre for the formal atmosphere of the stage, but into a club for casual entertainment.

Together and apart both lead characters make the play. But there is definitely more. With lyrics and music by Herman, 'La Cage' is simply outstanding. The costumes are elegant and the dancing makes one snap. Yet while there are instances when the dancing momentum is off, there is nothing that can make La Cage Aux Folles anything less than well worth the slightly high ticket price of \$40.

Tickets for students are half price in the first and second balconies. Wherever you sit you've got one of the best seats in La Cage Aux Folles. So sit back and prepare for an evening of something you've never seen before in a place where you never know who you'll meet. For those of you who wish to get close enough to tell who's male and female, it's a tough toss of the coin. Ever hear of a two headed coin?

Diversions around the District

"Yesterday and Today," an eight week Soviet film festival began this weekend at the Biograph. The first movie, An Unfinished Piece for Player Piano, is a Checkhovian comic romance about a town full of dreamers. It runs through Tuesday. Siberiade invades the Biograph on Wednesday and Thursday. It's a film of epic proportions which covers some of the same terrain as Dr.

Zhivago

An exhibition of German Expressionist prints opened yesterday at the National Gallery of Art. The show includes works from nineteenth century Die Brucke forerunners and early twentieth century masters like Kirchner and Nesch.

The Studio Theatre presents the

first stage version of Arthur Miller's drama Playing For Time. It concerns a female singer's struggle for survival at Auschwitz, a Nazi death camp during World War II.

The Circle Theatre serves up a recent minor classic with Local Hero. Burt Lancaster and Peter Reigert (Boon from Animal House) star in this touching story

about a devout capitalist who visits a Scottish village on a business trip, only to learn that "life shouldn't be written on dollar bills." Highly recommended. In tandem with Local Hero is The Grey Fox. Richard Farnsworth stars as a Western outlaw released from prison into modern America.

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There's always something going

on at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. The Philadelphia Orchestra will perform several classical masterworks including Hayden's Symphony, Number 48 and Liszt's Hunnenschlacht today.

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District renters read rights by legal service

demand for apartments far outstripping supply, landlords were increasing rents at astronomic rates knowing that tenants had no option but to pay the new rent levels or be out in the street.

Under the present law, all apartments are subject to rent control laws unless the owner or landlord of that apartment does not own five or more rental units in the District. For example, if you live in a house that is broken up into five or more separate apartments, that house and the landlord are subject to rent control. However, if there are only three units in that house and the landlord does not own any other rental apartments in D.C., then the house is exempt from rent control.

A common question that arises in this area is whether or not a condominium or cooperative apartment that you are renting from the owner/landlord is subject to rent control. If the cooperative or condominium is solely lived in by the owner, the unit is exempt from rent control. However, as soon as the owner rents the unit to you, he/she is subject to the same test described above. If the owner controls four or more rental apartments in D.C., whether in a condominium, cooperative or single family house, rent control laws will

If rent control does apply to your apartment, the landlord may raise your rent only once a year through a cost of living increase allowed by law or through the extraordinary means of a hardship petition that is filed with the District of Columbia's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Rental Accomodaand Conversion Division (RACD). A hardship increase is

only allowed where a landlord substantiates an inability to earn a 12 percent return on equity. Other rent increases will be allowed only the landlord petitions the RACD for authorization to increase rents based on needed capital improvements (i.e. new roof, boiler, etc.) or to do substantial rehabilitation of your unit. Whenever the landlord seeks increases by petitioning the RACD, tenants have the right to challenge these requests at a hearing administered by that office. Future columns will discuss. in more detail, a landlord's right to increase a tenant's rent

Housing Code Regulations

The D.C. Government also enforces a housing code which is supposed to guarantee that all rental units are in a clean, safe and habitable condition. The and habitable condition. Code requires that a landlord must provide and maintain property that is being rented. For example, if an owner/landlord furnishes any facilities for cooking, storage or refrigeration of food, those facilities must be maintained by the owner/landlord in a safe and good working condition.

The D.C. Housing Code requires owner/landlords to provide the following essential services:

1) Heat and heating equipment (e.g. furnaces) capable of maintaining a minimum of 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

2) Hallways, stairways and other common space used by all occupants of an apartment house must have adequate lighting. The lighting must be kept in good condition at all times

3) Each rental unit must have hot and cold water.

4) Access to at least two separate electric outlets is required per habitable room.

5. The roof shall be maintained so it does not leak.

6. Windows and doors must be free of cracked panes and reasonably keep out rain and wind.

7. Each residential unit must be kept free of rodents, vermin and cockroaches

8. Fire alarm and detector systems must be in good working condition

The information listed above is in no way all inclusive of a tenant's rights in the District of Columbia. If you want further information about anything discussed here, please contact Washington Student Legal Services (SLS) Program, Inc., 682-7377 628-6360. SLS is a not-for-profit corporation formed to provide direct legal services and important legal information to students attending college in the District of

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Three programs offer learning alternatives

students, Diller said, the other students had arranged to copy all

the notes from the classes she

The School of Government and **Business Administartion supports** the other program titled the Technology and Society program housed in Building JJ. RA/TA Ralph Shafer characterized the support as "very adequate."

In past years, the program was run from the Statistics department, but there was some disagreement as to what types of students would be accepted. "Now there's no conflict or confusion over why we're doing this," said Shafer, "Norma Lesser [the Dean of SGBA] has been great." By way of an example, Shafer noted "this year we've been given a budget for software.

While past response to the program had been limited, "the advertisements last spring got a very good response." Changing the title of the program from "Computers and Society" to "Technology and Society" has also helped, said Shafer. Technology suggests the broad view. There is a need for non-technically-oriented people to communicate with engineer-types. We cannot have a society of 'Technocrats'.'' Most of the students who enrolled in the program in past years already had computer experience, which took away from the program's intended purpose of training those who were not computer literate.

The focus of the course this semester is on computer applications, like Lotus 1-2-3 and word, processing programs, rather than on programming languages, as had been the case in past years.

Although some people might think it more difficult to meet people in a program as specialized as "JJ," residents disagree. residents disagree. From n point of view, I've found it very easy to make friends because we're really close to each other, said Tony Peleka, a freshman in the "Technology and Science Program." "I think a lot of people are intrigued about Building JJ. Once you tell them about it they'll say, 'Wow, that sounds cool!"

"The class as a whole is highly motivated," said Shaffer, "and I'm having a ball."

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'Quarters' event cancelled

by Cathy Moss

GW's Report on the Year 2000 headed the topics of discussion Friday at the Senate Faculty Committee's first meeting of the academic year.

The study, conducted last year by a committee selected by GW President Lloyd Elliott, explores future planning ideas for GW, including several proposed plans for on-campus building renovations and the upgrading of science department laboratories.

"Each recommendation of the report received full review before being adopted by the governing board," said Elliott. "The main concern now of the Faculty Senate is to set up a planning process and understand the procedure of review of the report by the standing committee," said Professor William B. Griffith, president of the Faculty Senate. "It will be a two-part process, and will take a while for these ideas to be completed," said Griffith.

"We're just trying to get a feel for if the Senate Faculty is eager to discuss the report," he continued. "However, even though they are not terribly concerned, we are hoping that it will wait until another committee will look at its special concerns."

Additional committees will be organized for reviewing and making recommendations for the School of International Affairs and strengthening student financial aid.

The Faculty Senate also hopes to unite the performing arts courses into one specific department, and to do the same for the communications courses.

Other topics discussed included plans for parents to meet with various professors during Parent's Day on Oct. 12 as well as the completion of plans concerning Accuracy in Academia, the newly formed academic watchdog group.

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Gold cash cards popular

by Christopher Crowley

More than 365 students have purchased the Colonial Gold cash card and an average of eight students per week are still signing up for the credit-like mealcard, said Maria Czech, the administrator in charge of the service.

The card system, a part of the new Validine-4 plan, is new to GW this year and is designed to offer a more flexible meal plan to commuter students and junior or senior residents living in campus housing. Freshmen and sophomores who live on campus and wish to join must add their gold card onto their present meal

by Tom Scarlett

National Park Service (NPS)

cancelled a "Mile of Quarters"

charity event which could have

lined the Mall with nearly \$15,000

The Mile, which was scheduled to stretch from the Washington

Monument to the Lincoln Memo-

rial, was organized by the GW

chapter of Sigma Delta Tau soror-

ity to raise money for the preven-

Since the Washington Mall is

tion of child abuse

in donated quarters last Saturday.

Citing federal regulations, the

plan

Unlike the standard meal plan where students pay a fixed amount for a specific number of meals per week, the Colonial Gold card is based on a student's individual account of \$50 or more. Amounts may be put on the card in increments of \$50. Every time a student purchases a meal. the cost is deducted from his account and the total is magnetically recorded on the owner's When the account total card. drops down to \$25 or less, the cash register flashes a warning signal.

There is no charge to open the account and there is also an added three to five percent bonus incen-

Year 2000 report discussed

considered part of the National Park system, the idea had to be cleared by the National Park

Service. The sorority submitted

the required forms in August and

received no immediate reply. Apparently, the Service has recently

installed a new computer system

that lost the forms, according to

Liza Sultzman, sorority president.

As a result, the purpose of the

security, they realized the purpose

Last Wednesday, when the NPS checked to see if any federal marshals would be needed for

event was never reviewed.

tive, depending on the amount put on the card. Students do not have to pay sales tax on food purchased with the card.

"The system is working well," Czech said. She added that the card "was a pooled idea but most of the idea was thought up by [Food Service Director] Bob King."

Trudy Kohout, a student, said she likes the gold card. She said, "It's cheaper and more convenient" because she eats less meals than what is offered by standard meal plan.

Cash cards can still be purchased from the meal card office on the first floor of the Marvin Center.

of the event. According to federal

law, it is illegal to collect money

during any ceremony in a national

that the money was strictly for

charity and that everyone in-

volved was a volunteer. "I think

it's very unfair," she said. "How

could they not see that the whole

point of this was to collect

reschedule the event, possibly in

Sigma Delta Tau is planning to

Sultzman said she told officials

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Limited budget a problem

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Colonials' games against Kansas and Michigan State in December were televised in several midwestern markets.

"Right now," said Bilsky, "we're focusing to get on [television] as many times as, we can as compared with trying to get the money."

For the women, the exposure problem is compounded by the fact that women's sporting events are not shown on television because the national viewing audience has not accepted the lure of women's athletics. The Colonial women have taken to the road to bring prestige to GW

George noted last year's trip to Florida by the basketball team and the recent trip by the volleyball team to San Diego to play in the San Diego State Volleyball Classic.

The Colonial teams, both men's and women's, can afford to travel with less of a strain on the overall athletic budget because of the various fundraising efforts. The women's major source of fundraising is the Colonial

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Women's Booster Club, which boasts over 250 members. The men have a similar fundraising organization called the Colonial Club.

The number one priority in both departments is an out-door athletic field. "It's almost becoming essential that we get that field," said George. She noted one recent

funding specifically for a central field. There are certain fields in mind although legal problems with the District government are hampering the school's efforts to obtain the field.

Despite the lack of a field and the resulting loss on spectators, Bilsky is encouraged by the student



'GW is just recently making a commitment to athletics'

Steve Bilsky

example of how the lack of the field has hurt the program. Last year, GW had a scheduled game with George Mason University, they top-ranked women's soccer team in the country. The game was forfeited by the Colonials because the public field which GW had received permission to use was not lined. "That should never be in a quality athletic program," said George.

The University has set aside

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participation in GW athletics. He points to the response from students last spring when the search was underway for a new basketball coach. "We had an Open House during the process where I addressed about 75 students; that's been the most rewarding part of the program, the number of students coming out and showing support."

Season ticket sales have increased the last three years as well as the overall attendance at basketball games. Even during the Colonials' midseason slide last season, attendance did not fall off considerably.

Both athletic directors are optimistic about the future of athletics at GW. With continued support from the respective fundraising organizations, as well as increased funding from the University and a new field, the Colonials should be on their way to greater athletic prestige and prosperity.

GW water polo team goes 2-2 on road trip

by John Kaufman

The GW men's waterpolo team won one of three games in the first week of a two-week tournament in the Northeast Invitational at Brown University, following a dominating win at Monmouth College on Friday.

Against Monmouth, GWtriumphed by a 13-6 score. Colonials' Drake Russell and Callie Flipse were high scorers with four and three goals, respectively. In addition, every starter on the GW sound scored a goal.

The Colonials faced a strong Army team Saturday morning in the Invitational's opener. Although Army pummeled GW 17-6, "the game was a lot closer than the score indicated," said GW head coach Rob Nielson. GW was trailing 7-4 in third period action but all hopes of a comeback were thwarted with penalties allowing Army to pull

GW's second battle of the day came, against Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The determined Colonials downed MIT 9-8, the first time in GW history.

"The team showed a lot of character. We were down 5-4 at the half and we came back to sweep the victory in second half play," commented Nielson. Against MIT, the Colonials shot an impressive 53 percent on goal. Kirk Frederick and Ron Abrams were high scorers with three goals apiece.

The final game of the weekend came on Sunday morning when the Colonials battled Brown, the number eight team in the nation. Although GW fell to the tournament host 9-5 Nielson said,

"It was the best game of the weekend. We did a good job on defense because we played as a team and helped each other out." GW showed a tremendous improvement from last year's 16-1 blowout from Brown.

The Colonials' player of the tournament was undoubtedly goalkeeper Samer Shalady. Shalady was credited with 18 saves against Army, 12 saves against MIT, and 14 saves against Brown, including two blocked penalty shots.

The ten-team round robin will be completed the weekend of October 13 at Navy. The two road wins boasted the Colonials overall record to 3-2. The waterpolo squad will host several club team scrimmages this Sunday at the Smith Center.

Would be offsides not called

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opponent's penalty box was missed by the officials. The coach and GW players believe that a videotape of the game supports their grievance. Several other official rulings were also in question by GW players and coaches.

by GW players and coaches.

The Colonials pressured Philadelphia Textile goaltender Will Davies with 11 shots. GW netminder Glenn Hughes was credited with six saves. The home team was limited to only eight shots as the Colonial defense once again shined.

"We took our time getting started and were a little slow in our marking situations. After that, I feel we dominated the game," said Vecchione.

GW will next face George Mason University, Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Fairfax, Va.

"It's our second regional game [Georgetown was first]. All head-to-head regional games are important for the NCAA tournament," said Vecchione.



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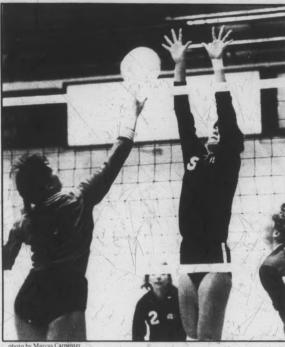
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EVENTS

soccer at George Mason, Wednesday at 3 p.m.



GW's Anna McWhirter goes up to block an attemped kill.

West coast tourney hard on GW spikers

The Aztec Classic at San Diego State University proved to be a difficult tournament for the GW women's volleyball team as the only east coast team competing was speared by its opponents, dropping four of five games this weekend.

The Colonials lone victory came in the opening match against Oregon State University, a team which would eventually beat GW in a later round. Consecutive losses to the University of Houston, Arizona State University, California-Berkley and OSU left GW at a weekend mark of 1-4 and a 7-4 mark for the season.

GW coach Pat Sullivan felt that one win was a real victory because the Colonials were playing against such a high caliber of teams. According to the coach, the west coast trip proved a positive experience because the high level of play should help GW for the them into the Atlantic 10 champi-

Following the win in the opener, GW fell to ASU (2-15, 6-15) and to Houston (15-9, 9-15, 9-15, 0-15). Losses to Cal-Berkley (9-15, 4-15, 6-15) and to OSU (8-15, 14-16, 4-15), two of the powerhouses of the west, brought out the differences between the east and the west.

'The basic difference between East Coast volleyball and West Coast volleyball is the speed of the game and the size and ability of the athletes," said Rhea Farberman, women's sports information director, who accompanied the Colonials to San

The next stop for GW will be at The Tennessee Classic on Friday and Saturday. The Colonial spikers will do battle against The University of Cincinnati, North Carolina State University, and The University of Tennessee.

Men's soccer loses on disputed goal

by Rich Katz

A heavily disputed Philadelphia Textile University goal early into the first period proved to be the game's lone scoring effort as the visiting GW men's soccer team bowed 1-0.

Guy Furfara's goal 13:35 into the game stood throughout the even-matched contest. Mike Orfanos was credited with the assist. The final 45 minutes were played to a standstill

The defensive battle was marred with constant con-troversy, one of which cost GW a

possible victory. On the game's only goal, a Philadelphia Textile player was offsides, according to GW coach Tony Vecchione and a videotape of the game. The officials, however, missed the call and the goal stood.

"The refereeing was extremely inconsistent and I hope this is not a thing to come when we play other Philadelphia schools," said Vecchione. GW travels to battle

Temple on Saturday,
According to Vecchione, an obvious hand ball by a Philadelphia Textile player in the (See SOCCER, p. 14)



Colonial defenseman Orville Reynolds on the move. GW was on the move until a controversial goal was allowed and GW faltered against Philadelphia Textile by a 1-0 score

Athletic depts. seek exposure, fields, funds

by Michael Maynard

Both the GW men's and women's athletic departments are striving to achieve excellence in athletics through increased exposure, acquisition of an outdoor field. and a concentrated fundraising effort.

One factor limiting athletic programs at any school is budgetary constraints, and GW is no exception. "We're satisfied to the extent that we've grown each year," said Lynn George, women's athletic director, 'but we never, as in any department, have enough money to do the things we want to

Two years ago all teams in both men's and women's departments were combined under one budget. The system, explained Steve Bilsky, men's athletic director, was not orderly and the money was given out on more of a "first come first served" basis. Over the past two years, however, each team has been given its own budget which allows coaches to make their own decisions on how to spend the money.

"Hopefully the teams will start seeing that the more input they put in, the better we will use this limited amount of money,' said Bilsky

The two departments also have a threetier system in effect. The tiers indicate how far each team will travel since the travel budget makes up the largest expenditures. For men, basketball and soccer are tier one, swimming, wrestling and tennis are tier two, and golf, water polo and crew are tier For women, basketball and volleyball are tier one, swimming, gymnastics and tennis are tier two, and badminton and crew are tier three

In comparison to other Atlantic 10 schools, GW is different from most in that it has no football program. Without football, the Colonials are put into an entirely different category and they have a smaller athletic budget than schools with

program as a plus for the overall athletic program. "We're at a little bit of an advantage by not having football," said Bilsky, "because it will tend to dwarf your other budgets, including basketball."

Discounting the football program, however, Bilsky believes GW is very competitive, scholarship-wise, with the other league schools. "GW is just recently making a commitment to athletics," said Bilsky.

This includes a financial effort as well, In the 1970s, a very limited financial commitment was made with regard to the athletic program. It was only two years ago that there was a significant increase in the sports budget.

While GW's men's teams may be competitive budget-wise with other schools, the women's teams are still lagging behnd. The coaches' salaries, especially that of parttime coaches, lag behind those of most other Division I schools, said George. The ootball. low salaries create a high turnover rate Bilsky views the lack of a football among part-time coaches, " ... and when

you have turnover in an athletic program it hurts," said George.

One of the most important aspects of expanding a successful athletic program is getting national recognition. Both departments have been going about this in their own manner. For men, their exposure problems are solved by television. For women, they must travel outside of the region and compete against schools from other parts of the country.

The Atlantic 10 conference does not yet have a television package. Bilsky says the league missed its chance to get a television package five years ago when "syndicators were paying millions of dollars bidding for different conferences. "It's very difficult to get a package for a league but it's also very important," said Bilsky.

Last year the GW men's basketball team appeared on "Home Team Sports," the local cable television station, seven' times, according to Bilsky. The (See BUDGET, p. 14)